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1. CERTAIN THAT ORIGINAL AMBUSH WAS BONAFIDE. DETAILS OF ACTION FOLLOWING PRESENT A CONFUSING PICTURE. HAVE INTERVIEWED WITNESSES WHO MADE POSITIVE VISUAL SIGHTINGS OF COCKPIT LIGHTS OR SIMILAR PASSING NEAR MADDOX. SEVERAL REPORTED TORPEDOES WERE PROBABLY BOATS THEMSELVES WHICH WERE OBSERVED TO MAKE SEVERAL CLOSE PASSES ON MADDOX. OWN SHIP SCREW NOISES ON RUDDERS MAY HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR SOME. AT PRESENT CANNOT

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EVEN ESTIMATE NUMBER OF BOATS INVOLVED. TURNER JOY REPORTS 2 TORPEDOES PASSED NEAR HER.

2. MADDOX AND JOY NOT PREPARED TO COMPLY REF A UNTIL FUELED AND REARMED. REQUEST ADVISE

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